

## Love Your Block Mini Grant Program

This program offers grants up to \$5,000 to support neighborhood projects within the City of Lansing. Eligible projects must be aimed at addressing blight, specifically within Lansing's 5 Blight Elimination areas, which include the Northwest, Northeast, Eastside, Near South, and South. Follow this link to a [map](#) of the areas. The project site must be either a Land Bank space, public space, or private space that has a public impact. Groups will be required to provide proof of liability insurance coverage for all activities within the proposed LYB project.

### Qualifications

Application is open to all groups located within the five blight elimination areas and committed to improving Lansing neighborhoods. Those groups without fiduciary capacity may potentially affiliate with an established community based organization. Contact the Neighborhood Resource Coordinator for more information.

### Required Commitments of funded groups

1. Regularly attend monthly LiNCS (Lansing Leaders in Neighborhood & Community Service) meetings
2. Become a part of and actively participate in Lansing Love Your Block Grantee Cohort with other funded groups
3. Provide metrics throughout the project
4. Provide foreclosure prevention outreach in your area (technical assistance will be provided)

### Application

Applications must be submitted by mail, in person, or online by 5pm on September 30, 2015. Your application will be reviewed by a selection committee. Your application will be scored by the following criteria:

- Budget & Recruitment of Additional Resources - 10 points
- Project description and impact - 20 points
- Community Engagement/Volunteer Recruitment – 20 points
- Past Experience and Capacity of applicant organization - 15 points
- Sustainability – 15 points
- Proposed project outputs – 10 points
- Proposed project outcomes – 10 points

To keep up with news on Lansing's Love Your Block program visit [lansingloveyourblock.com](http://lansingloveyourblock.com).

To learn more about Cities of Service and the Love Your Block blueprint, follow this link: <http://citiesofservice.org/content/love-your-block>. For questions and concerns, please contact Neighborhood Engagement Coordinator, Andi Crawford [andi.crawford@lansingmi.gov](mailto:andi.crawford@lansingmi.gov)

Two grant workshops will be held to support your group in the proposal.

**Saturday 9/12 9:00 am -11:00 am & Wednesday 9/15 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm** at the Neighborhood Empowerment Center 600 W. Maple Lansing, MI 48906

